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Response and Preliminary Amendment

Response to Restriction Requirement.

In response to the Examiner's action, Applicant again elects **Group I** — Claims 1-27, 73-85, and 97-112, and the following species identified by the Examiner:

IA-3: RTCVD

IB-1: by thermally annealing in nitrogen-containing species

IC-1: Polysilicon

ID-1: Silicon dioxide

IE-5: SiH₄

Listing of claims readable on the elected species: Claims 1-14, 16-22, 28-34, 36-38, 42-48, 53-57, 73-77, 80-84, 86-90, 92-98, 100, 103-106, and 112-121.

Generic claims: Claims 1, 5, 8, 73.

Applicant notes that the election of species is solely to facilitate an examination search, and that Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species upon allowance of a generic claim. It is understood that if the claims of the elected species are found allowable over the prior art, the Examiner will expand the search to include other species.